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SUBJECT: CIVAIR--ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS

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1. IN COURSE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH LAST WEEK, I ONCE AGAIN TRIED ENCOURAGE MAURITANIAN ADHERENCE TO HAGUE AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS. SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW PUBLICLY EXPRESSED REVULSION THOUGHOUT ARAB WORLD OVER RECENT ROME AIRPORT KILLINGS, GIRM MIGHT RECONSIDER ITS POSITION RE CONVENTIONS. PRESIDENT RESTRICTED HIMSELF TO TWO COMMENTS: GIRM UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNED ROME ATTACK ALONG WITH EARLIER SIMILAR ACTS OF TERRORISM; ARAFAT HAS PUBLICLY DISASSOCIATED PLO FROM AUTHORSHIP. I REPLIED THAT FACT PLO HAD ALIGNED ITSELF WITH ARAB GOVTS IN OPPOSING INJURY TO INNOCENTS ARGUED FOR NEW EFFORT BY ALL CONCERNED TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND THEREBY INHIBIT FUTURE SUCH ACTIONS.

2. COMMENT. PRESIDENT'S GUARDED REACTION CONFIRMS MY DOUBTS THAT GIRM, AS NEWEST AND JUNIOR PARTNER IN ARAB LEAGUE, WILL GET OUT IN FRONT BY SUBSCRIBING TO ANTI-HIJACKING CONVENTIONS.

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CONVENTIONS. AT SAME TIME BELIEVE THAT IF WE OR OTHERS COULD

GET JUST ONE OF MAJOR ARAB STATES OF RECOGNIZED MILITANCY,
EG. ALGERIA, TO SUBSCRIBE TO CONVENTIONS, THEN IN PRESENT
CLIMATE GIRM WOULD LIKELY FOLLOW.
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